

The Rt Hon Wes Streeting MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Department of Health and Social Care, Ministerial Correspondence and Public Enquiries Unit, 39 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0EU

7 October 2024

Dear Wes Streeting,

Re: New Hospitals Programme - University Hospitals of Leicester

We write with regard to your letter of 20th September which states you are conducting a review into the New Hospitals Programme.

This review extends to the promise of two new hospitals for University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, which the local NHS and our constituents have been eagerly anticipating since the announcement last year.

These plans are incredibly important to our communities who depend upon the facilities at UHL. University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust is one of the biggest and busiest NHS Trusts in the country, serving over one million people in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. We urge you to back their improvement and fund the scheme.

The New Hospital Programme plans for Leicester include a new hospital at the Leicester Royal Infirmary (LRI) for women's and ICU services, a midwifery-led unit at Leicester General Hospital and a new hospital at the Glenfield for elective inpatients, theatres, outpatients and day cases. They also extended to a new multi-storey car park and a six-storey extension at LRI to re-provide an immunology lab, a pharmacy expansion and clinical genetics.

We'd be grateful for your assurances on the future of the above as we, our constituents and local NHS stakeholders are unclear what the new Government's plans are with regard to the project.

University Hospitals of Leicester plan to begin work on the new hospital at Leicester Royal Infirmary next year, but this review puts that work in jeopardy.

We and our communities are grateful for your comments that the review will be completed as soon as possible, and ask that a meeting be promptly arranged to discuss the timeline and plans.

Yours sincerely,

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